

Uncertainty over Soto's future as receiver

The acting receiver recently lauded the accomplishments of HPS in the 2020-2021 school year

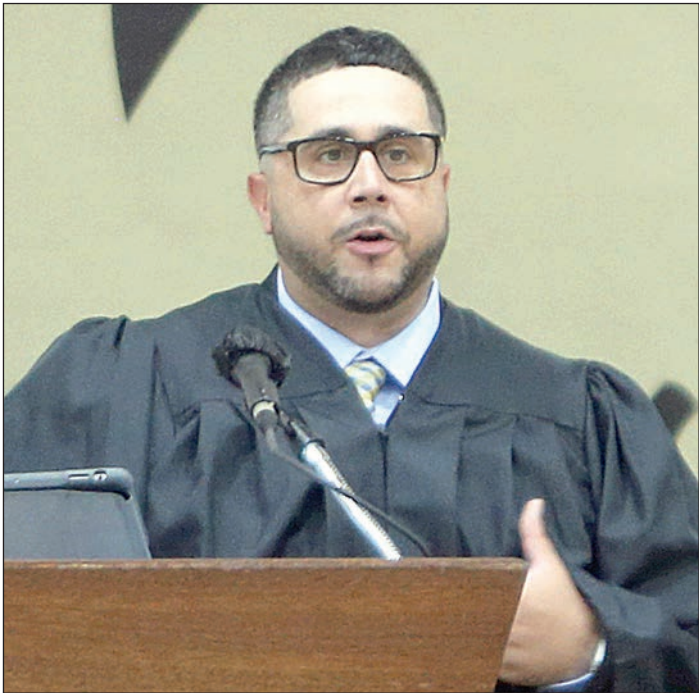
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HOLYOKE – It has been a year of changes for the Holyoke Public Schools, but none more impactful than multiple changes in leadership.

Anthony Soto, who was serving as the Finance Director, was named acting receiver/superintendent this year. With the end of the academic year, many have been curious if Soto will continue in this position or if there will be another change in superintendents. The state still has not provided an answer on the issue.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Media Relations Coordinator Jaqueline Reis addressed the inquiries on Holyoke's Superintendent, telling people to stay tuned.

"Anthony Soto continues to serve as receiver on an acting basis and has continued the work of supporting students and staff during the pandemic and implementing the district's turnaround plan," Reis said.



Acting Receiver/Superintendent of Schools for Holyoke Anthony Soto gives the commencement address at Dean Tech on June 4. Soto's future with the district has yet to be determined after he took on the leadership role midway through the school year.

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"We will share information about next steps in naming a permanent receiver as soon as possible."

Residents will need to wait to hear more, but Soto continues in his job regardless.

Soto recently released a list highlighting the accomplishments of the Holyoke Public Schools since the start

of receivership, showing more changes to the schools albeit good changes.

In a letter to the HPS Community, Soto shared that the words of Holyoke High School North Campus' Perseverance Speaker, Shayleena Figueroa stuck

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Matos was asked to resign by education commissioner

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HOLYOKE – A report emerged last week through multiple media outlets that the state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education actually asked Holyoke Receiver/Superintendent Alberto Vazquez Matos to resign.

Vazquez Matos resigned in March following a lengthy leave of absence. It was originally believed the former receiver was suffering from COVID-19. Vazquez Matos told the Holyoke School Committee in February that he had tested positive for the disease.

He remained away for more than three weeks, with Anthony Soto, the finance director, taking on the role of acting receiver.

Vazquez Matos simply resigned to the state education commissioner, Jeffrey Riley, and no further details were given at the time of his resignation in March.

Two weeks ago, Holyoke Media, a community-based television station that covers local news in the city and broadcast city council and other public meets on its public access channel, made a public records request that revealed a separation agreement between Vazquez Matos and the Commonwealth.

The agreement states that Vazquez Matos would resign his position on March 18. At the time of his resignation, the Vazquez Matos would receive a payment of \$102,500, equal to half his yearly salary of \$205,000.

Vazquez Matos waived any further legal action, and also had seven additional days to revoke

his acceptance of the agreement. He also has the ability to pursue future employment and the state will not provide any information about his reason for departure or comment on his performance.

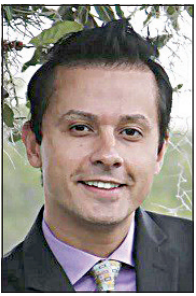
No part of the agreement states why he was asked to resign

and the education commissioner has remained quiet, stating that it is a "personnel matter," despite the fact Matos is no longer employed with the public schools and he was not under any union protection. The separation agreement also does not guarantee that the reason for Vazquez Matos' release from his contract.

Riley's only statement on the issue stated that he thanked Vazquez Matos for his service to the district.

Vazquez Matos was hired in May last year to replace Dr.

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Alberto Vazquez Matos

Spots remain open for extended school year programs

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HOLYOKE – With the academic year coming to a close the Holyoke Public Schools are opening summer programs and extended school year programs.

There are a few people in charge of the programming, including Jill Hughes who handles the extended school year programming for students with IEPs. Michelle Macklin is in charge of the rising grades 1 through 8 summer program and a high school teacher will be managing grades 9 through 12 for the summer program. The extended year program for students with IEPs is a bit different from the traditional summer program, both Macklin and Hughes speak about their aspects of the summer program.

Macklin mentioned that the sign-up for the traditional summer

program are going well and there are currently 181 students signed up to participate; some outreach for the programs has been conducted through flyers in schools and local businesses, radio ads and interviews, social media outlets, and efforts are now geared towards cold-calling families and assisting with the registration process online. While Hughes and Macklin encourage families to sign up as soon as possible there is still space left in the traditional summer program, and the staff would like to include all families who want to participate.

The extended school year program for students with IEPs has always been a service given at the schools. It's required by DESE guidelines for districts to have a plan of an extended learning program in the district.

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BUSY BEE



A bee is busy pollinating and stops on a spiderwort.

Photo by Kara Walsh-Vey

HCC celebrates Pride Month with flag raising

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College celebrated Pride Month June 10 by raising the rainbow flag over the campus for the first time in its 75-year history.

Dressed in a black, Pride Month shirt, HCC President Christina Royal, the first openly queer community college president in Massachusetts, presided over the flag-raising ceremony, which was attended by faculty, staff and students at the main campus entrance by the Frost and Donahue buildings.

“I’m very excited that at Holyoke Community College we have a very active group of faculty, staff and students who are engaged and interested in continuing to further the progress that we made to ensure that HCC is an LGBTQ-plus friendly campus and institution,” Royal said in her introductory remarks. “One of the things we’re very excited about this year is to be able to raise the Pride flag on our campus in celebration, not only of Pride Month, but also in recognition of our LGBTQ-plus employees and students.”

Royal noted that for the last two years, many Pride parades, festivals and concerts have been cancelled because of COVID-19, making small celebrations like HCC’s flag-raising even more important.

“We very much feel that diversity is a huge asset to this institution and this region, and we believe very deeply in being able to ensure that we have a wide variety of representation, and that everyone can be seen and heard as they come to HCC,” Royal said. “I feel very honored to do this as the first queer president of Holyoke Community College.”



HCC President Christina Royal raises the Pride flag over the campus during a June 10 campus celebration. Submitted photos

The Pride flag will fly over the HCC campus through the end of June.

“Thank you all for being part this community, for being supportive of those in the LGBTQ-plus community,” Royal said after raising the flag. “Let’s all remember that June is not the only time to celebrate, but it’s nice that we have a month to be able to highlight and bring more visibility to those in the LGBTQ-plus community.”

To watch a video of the flag-raising celebration on HCC’s Facebook page, please visit: hcc.edu/pride-video

HCC will be celebrating Pride Month throughout June.

Other events include a reading and conversation with author Lesléa Newman on June 22 at 5:30 p.m. Newman will read her book *Sparkle Boy* and answer questions over Zoom.

On June 24 at 11 a.m., Daniel

Giraldo-Wonders, assistant professor of Language and Latin American Literature at Bard College at Simon’s Rock, will lead a “queer conversation” on Zoom about Pedro Lemebel’s poem “Manifiesto: Hablo por mi diferencia” (Manifesto: I Speak From My Difference). Lemebel was an openly gay Chilean essayist, chronicler, and novelist who died in 2015.



Christina Royal, right, gathers with HCC faculty, staff and students to celebrate Pride Month with a flag raising on the HCC campus.

More information about HCC’s Pride events, including registration links to the June 22 and June 24 events, can be found at: hcc.edu/pride.

Public invited to B-17 Memorial anniversary

HOLYOKE – The B-17 Memorial Committee cordially invites the general public to join us on July 10, as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the B-17 tragedy on Mt. Tom in Holyoke.

This year’s ceremony also recog-

nizes the 25th anniversary of the B-17 monument unveiling. We ask that attendees arrive at 8:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. ceremony. Parking for the ceremony can be accessed by Mt. Park Rd followed by a right turn to Mt. Tom Ski Rd.

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Youth tennis lessons available this summer

HOLYOKE – The United States Tennis Association of New England (USTA New England) is partnering with the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department to offer tennis lessons at Jones Point Tennis Courts. Led by an approved USTA tennis coach, the program will focus on developing the skills to serve, rally and play – so it’s perfect for beginners and first-time players. All players receive and keep a new age-appropriate racket, tennis ball, and a program t-shirt.

Tennis in the Parks will be offering tennis lessons for children entering grades

1-8. Lessons will occur on Tuesdays, July 6 to Aug. 10, at Jones Point Tennis Courts.

5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Grades 1-2
6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Grades 3-5
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Grades 6-8

The cost of the program is \$60. Please send registration and payment to Holyoke Parks and Recreation, 536 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040. Please make checks payable to “USTA New England.”

For more information contact the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department at 322-5620 or visit www.holyoke.org

Lifeguard recertification, training classes available

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Parks Department is holding an American Red Cross lifeguard certification classes at the Chicopee Comp High School Pool. Classes will be held Thurs., June 24 -Tues., June 29 from (8 a.m. – 3 p.m). Participants must attend all classes. This course will include certification in Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and Community First Aid. This is a blended class and will consist of nine hours online and in person training. Participants must be 16 years of age on or before the end of the course. The Cost is \$260/Resident \$265/Non-resident.

Deadline to register is Monday June 14th.

Lifeguard Recertification class is being offered. The classes will take place on Wednesday June 30th, Thursday July 1st & Friday July 2 (8A M. – 3 PM.) at the Chicopee Comp Pool. Costs: \$160/Resident \$165/Non-Resident. Deadline to register is today Tuesday, June 15th.

All participants for both classes must take a pre-skills test to be officially enrolled into the class. The Pool test will take place on Tuesday June 16th. 4:30 – 6:30Pm. at the CCHS pool.

For more info or to register log on to www.chicopeerec.com.

Summer and extended year programming begins July 6

HOLYOKE – The Summer Learning Academies, ¡Somos Exploradores! are high-quality, fun, engaging, and FREE learning opportunities for HPS Students in rising grades 1-8. All academies are offered in-person with some remote options. Programs start July 6 and Aug. 9. Register your student and visit our summer learning webpage for more information.

All students eligible for Extended School Year (ESY) services, per their IEPs, can register at the above link. Please register by June 1st to avoid transportation delays. Contact your child’s Special Education Team Leader (ETL) with questions. If you are unsure who to contact, please reach out to Jill Hughes to help connect you.

School enrollment now open

HOLYOKE – Do you have a child who will be 5 on or before Sept. 1? It’s time to enroll in kindergarten.

Enrollment forms are now online. Visit www.enrollholyokey.com to start the enrollment process for your child. If you need any assistance, call (413) 534-2000, option 1.

Preschool Program. We also have full-day and half-day openings in our Preschool Program. Contact the

Enrollment Center at (413) 534-2000, option 1 to help you get started with your child’s placement and enrollment forms. Learn more.

Dual Language Program. We still have spaces available for Spanish-speaking and bilingual students entering preschool through seventh grade. You can learn more about the program in this video. Contactthe Enrollment Center for more information.

Democratic caucus to be held on Sunday, June 27

HOLYOKE – Registered Democrats in Holyoke will hold a caucus on Sunday, June 27 via Zoom to elect Delegates and Alternates to the 2021 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention.

This year’s state convention will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, the Final Call to Convention will be published in August 2021 where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss Party business and celebrate our successes as we prepare for upcoming elections.

The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in

Holyoke. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by June 15 will be allowed to participate and run as a Delegate or Alternate. Holyoke can elect 22 Delegates and 22 Alternates to the Convention.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ individuals who are not elected as a Delegate or Alternate may apply to be an Add-on Delegate at the caucus or at www.mass-dems.org.

Those interested in getting involved with the Holyoke Democratic City Committee should contact Liana Pasialis at (413)530-5182.

City garden tour planned

HOLYOKE – There will be a Holyoke Garden Tour held on Saturday, June 19. It’s a self-tour and costs \$15 to participate and will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can pick up a map and a wrist bracelet from the Gateway City Arts anytime between 9:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. You can bike or drive the garden tour and you must follow all current Massachusetts state COVID-19 protocols when you are on any garden premises.

If there is inclement weather, the tour will be moved back a week to Saturday, June 26. For more information, go to www.eventbrite.com. Participants will sign a liability release form upon pickup of their map and wristband. Some areas have uneven footing and steps. There will be eight gardens to view. Six are flower and woodland gardens and two are vegetable gardens. Gateway City Arts is located at 92 Race Street.

Pouliot Pool set to re-open

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Parks and Recreation Department will be opening the Pouliot Pool for Summer 2021 during the week of June 28. Residents who wish to swim at the pool this summer must pre-register and purchase a pool pass.

Pre-registration dates will occur at Pouliot Pool on Wednesday, June 23 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and Thursday, June 24 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Prices for Summer Passes:
Seniors (55 and older) \$5.00

Children 12 and under \$5.00
13 and older \$10.00
Children 3 and under Free
Non-Residents \$10.00
Day Passes \$5.00
Pool Hours: Senior Swim, Monday – Friday, 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday & Sunday, 12 noon to 1 p.m.
Open Swim will be daily, 1 to 6 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Holyoke Recreation Department at 413-322-5620.

Area students named to Dean’s List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD – A model for the “New Traditional University,” Western New England University (WNE) is among just 13% of private (5,000 students or less) institutions ranked among US News and World Report “National Universities” and a “Top 100 Engineering Program.” WNE enrolls 3,690 students, including 2,552 full-time undergraduate, in bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees at its Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy & Health Sciences, and School of Law.

Western New England University is pleased to announce that the following area students are among more than 750

named to the WNE Spring Semester 2021 Dean’s List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Michael O. Velazco--BSE in Computer Engineering from Holyoke
Michael J. Whitelock--BSBA in Accounting from Holyoke
Alaina Donohue--JD from Holyoke
Matthew W. Dziok--JD from Holyoke
Michael Joseph McAndrew--JD from Holyoke
Connor James Narey--BS in Computer Science from Holyoke
Nashali Pagan--BA in Law & Society from Holyoke

Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice announces grant awards

HOLYOKE – The Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice has awarded 12 grants totaling over \$7,500 to organizations in the greater Holyoke area who are fighting injustice, oppression, and poverty.

This is the eleventh year that the Carlos Vega Fund has awarded Social Justice grants. We are excited to have our Grant Awarding Reception on Friday, June 11 at 4 p.m. at the Wistariahurst Museum, home of the Carlos Vega Archive. In addition to the

2021 Grants we will be awarding attorney David Hoose with the 2020/2021 Social Justice Champion Award for his continued efforts for social justice in the criminal justice system. The event will be live streamed on the Carlos Vega Facebook page while recipients of the awards will be in person.

The awardees are: Jobs with Justice, The Resistance Center, The Gray House, White Street School in Springfield, Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative,

MORE4 Youth, Home City Development, Providence Ministries, The Performance Project, The Children’s Study Home, Seeds of a Father, and The Wildflower Alliance.

Carlos Vega was an ardent activist for civil rights, community-building, education, healthcare, and social justice in Holyoke. The donor designated fund, which is managed by the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, was started in 2010 to honor Carlos on his 60th birthday

and to continue his forty-year legacy by awarding small grants to nonprofit organizations through an annual competitive process.

These grants are awarded to initiatives that foster change and promote empowerment, self-help, and economic, political, and social justice. The purpose of the mini grants is to support efforts to address injustice, oppression, and poverty in the greater Holyoke area, particularly for those who are marginalized by our society.

Editorial

Public, stakeholders deserve explanations

We are a society that has processes to hold our leaders in various offices and positions accountable for their performances. We pay taxes to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and for the residents of Holyoke, to the city to operate the city and the public schools.

Now, the taxpayers of the city deserve an explanation as to why it wasted thousands of dollars on a receiver/superintendent who lasted eight months.

Now, the separation agreement for Alberto Vazquez Matos says the state will not provide a reason for departure or comment on his performance to any future employer or recruiting or employment agency.

That's all fine and good. But what about the taxpayers of Holyoke that paid Vazquez Matos' bloated salary for the last school year?

He was paid for about six months worth of work and sat home for several weeks while he waited for his release agreement and Anthony Soto was doing his work.

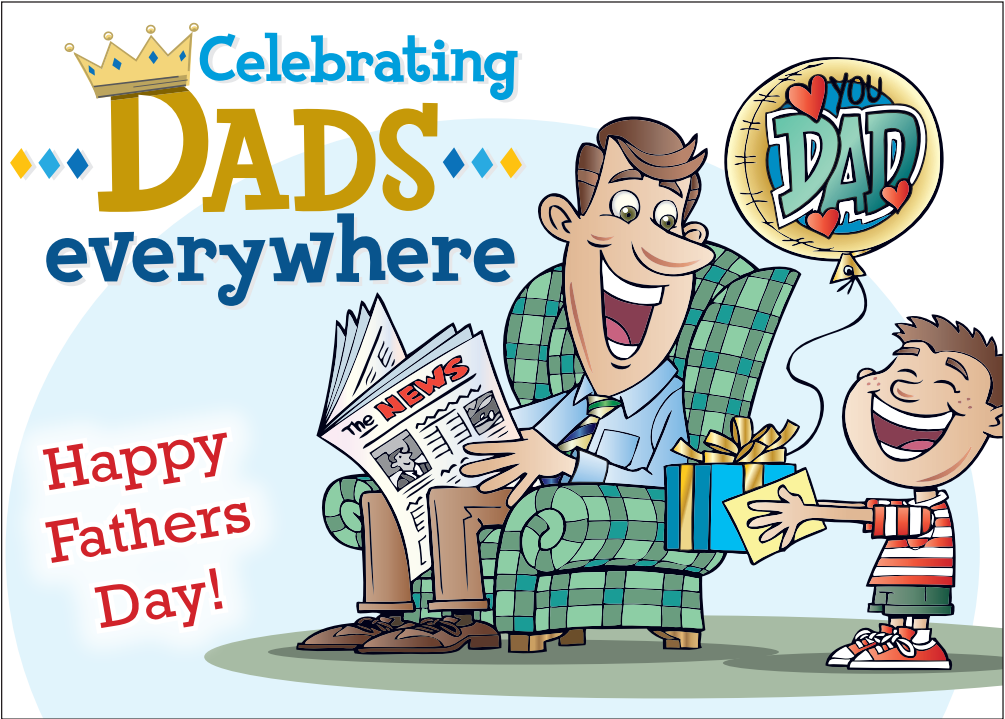
The state may have taken over, but families still pay taxes and still have a right to understand why the leadership of the school district changed.

Now that the separation agreement has been made public, Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley should make a statement about why Vazquez Matos was asked to resign. Riley has a responsibility to the people he serves in Holyoke. Holyoke's forums have already begun lighting up with comments from people wanting to know why this guy only lasted eight months.

This fall is an important election for the people of Holyoke, and the public schools could be a major issue for the now, six candidates who will be vying for people's votes in the preliminary election.

The next mayor of this city, who will also serve as the School Committee chair, needs to help move the schools out of receivership and put the control of its schools back in the hands of the city's elected officials on the school committee. Mayoral candidates should also be demanding a public explanation from Riley about Vazquez Matos' departure.

The former receiver was not part of a union that has its interests protected under that "personnel matters" umbrella. He was a contracted leader of the entire public school system and should be held accountable to the people who paid his salary. Holyoke did not want its schools under state control as it is, and by not explaining his departure, the state is proving why Holyoke felt this way. Accountability is important to taxpayers, and to voters. The state needs to do that for the people of Holyoke that have put up with state control for the past six years.



Guest Column

Can the U.S. sustain the international order?

By Lee H. Hamilton

We don't often think that how the U.S. conducts itself at home has much impact on how we face the world, but it does. You'd be amazed at how closely people in countries all over the globe follow events here and count on the United States to lead the way. When it's messy at home, it's hard to sustain the strength and readiness to turn our attention outward.

Doing so is especially important right now because what we've come to term "the international order" is under stress. It's not collapsing by any means, but U.S. leadership faces challenges and if we're divided and unsettled at home, it will be much more difficult to respond appropriately.

What is the international order? It's essentially the set of structures and values that evolved during the 20th century to resolve disputes, promote commerce and free trade, undergird economic development and investment, further contacts and exchanges between nations and their citizens, and protect human rights. It's based on mutually-negotiated rules and initiatives that, in a well-functioning world, are promoted by institutions such as the UN, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, the World Trade Organization, the World Health Organization, and others.

These days, though, it's fair to say that there's no aspect of the order we once took for granted that isn't at least facing questions. This is in part because, at the moment, both China and Russia are asserting their

interests and, often, working actively to undermine ours. At the same time, the U.S. role is less prominent than it once was. Our allies, especially after the four years of the Trump administration, are uncertain of our commitment to global leadership given that we questioned longtime alliances, withdrew from institutions, pulled out of international accords, and in general pulled back from the web of alliances and agreements that we had helped shape in earlier years. Understandably, our friends and allies wonder how much they can count on us and our adversaries are eager to test us.

At the same time, forces beyond the control of any government are reshaping the global picture. Nationalism is stronger, conflicts between countries seem to be ratcheting up, and many societies are struggling with growing diversity, declining tolerance, and a turn toward authoritarianism. On the whole, international power is less concentrated and more widely distributed, which presents challenges to global institutions and makes it more difficult to pursue much-needed reforms within them.

In this situation, it's crucial that democracies such as the U.S., Europe, Japan, and Canada recognize the importance of the role they play in sustaining and revitalizing the international order. It's by no means a given that it can endure, but the democracies have an advantage: for many people around the world, the more authoritarian alternatives are

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Guest Column

Observations here and there

It was fun to take a mini-vacation this past week! However, I have to admit that was weird to leave a newly-installed garden and a hen sitting on eggs in the care of my trusty house-sitter, especially with the mercury soaring the way it did. I came home to a garden that looked great and no chicks, yet...

Here are some observations from both during and after my vacation.

The vacation house had a major bunny problem. The owner installed a number of native plants to encourage pollinators and the rabbits seem to find most palatable. A small fence was installed around the perennials off the porch, but the new blueberries and serviceberry have been clear cut of anything rabbit height or less. Most of the shrubs in the mixed border have an umbrella-like appearance, with woody stems down low and growth at the top only.

I recommended switching up the repellents to keep the bunnies away, and this comes from personal experience. At the old house I



never had a problem with rabbits in my garden until after the dog died. It would be safe to assume that "the marking of his territory" had something to do with my good fortune. Outside of dog urine, there are lots of other deterrents out there that folks swear by. One is dried blood. The smell signals danger. To be effective it must be reapplied each week as well as after it rains. You can either sprinkle a narrow band around the perimeter of the

border or place containers of it in the garden. Dried blood is a nitrogen fertilizer and is available at most garden centers. It will burn sensitive plants if applied directly on top of them, so sprinkle it a few inches away from the base. Along the same line would be ammonia sprays.

I have also heard of different home brews that you may or may not want to whip up in your blender. One consists of garlic, hot peppers and marigold leaves; maybe this combination would work better than the other tactics already tried. Again, these would need to be

replenished periodically and switched on occasion to keep the scent new and dangerous.

I visited a couple of great nurseries on Cape Cod. The hydrangeas they sell there are amazing, and it was oh, so tempting to bring one home. Unfortunately, I had just bought one a month ago that was advertised to be good and hardy, but not the blue I had wanted. More of a purple-blue. It was neat to come home and see that the advice I had given others for many years actually worked. By adding sulfur to the edges of the planting hole my new hydrangea is turning a lovely shade of blue. Yay! I am honestly amazed at how quickly the changeover took place. If you'd rather a pink toned hydrangea, raise the pH of the soil by sprinkling a couple of cups of dolomitic lime around the base of the plant once or twice throughout the growing season. A higher pH will prevent aluminum from being drawn up by the plant; aluminum has a bluing effect on the flowers of this particular type of hydrangea (H. macrophylla). Likewise, hydrangeas absorb more aluminum from acidic soil, so to

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Jason Collins

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These programs can be done in different ways and at different times of the year, Holyoke chooses to have their program in the summer to bridge the time between the end of one year and the beginning of another. This program is a specialized service that students with IEPs may qualify for, not every student with an IEP will receive a sport in the program.

Hughes explains that a student’s IEP team and team leader will help to determine if a student is eligible for the extended year program, and if so which program or classroom to be place in as there are different areas of focus. The is on program that focuses on social skills and interactions and it’s based in a classroom setting, Hughes explains for this setting they have peer model’s - students not on IEPs - come to the class to demonstrate these skills and allow fellow students to watch and observe different social interactions.

Spots for this program are still open

and unlike the traditional summer program, this one has no limit of sign-ups. While Hughes encourages people to sign up earlier on, they will not refuse a request. Hughes does warn that if a request to join come later on as in right before, during, or after the start of the program it may take a bit longer to set up transportation for those with an IEP, although peer models attending these classes will be asked to have their own transportation. Hughes further encourages those interested to contact their IEP team leader to see if their student is eligible and what programs of recommended for the student.

The traditional summer program doesn’t take a recommendation and parents can sign their students up with no issue if they’re interested.

“This year’s program will be valuable because focuses on all needs of all students. The program will be utilizing the JASON curriculum for grades 1 through 5 with intentional embedded ELA,” Macklin said. “This is an inquiry-based curriculum in which students

will learn grade level math and literacy skills through project-based learning opportunities.”

The JASON and math curriculums are grade level and allow students to engage in cans on learning through collaboration and discussion with each other.

Macklin mentioned that in the afternoon students will engage in enrichment activities like theater, gardening, learning in motion, strength training, mentorship, and entrepreneurship each activity incorporates the social-emotional needs of students. These programs are important this year after the pandemic interfered with how classrooms were held.

“All students can benefit from this program because of the flexibility and time dedicated to collaborative learning,” said Macklin. “While we focus on standards, we are not grading or pressured between specific schedules. We take the time for students to learn and expand on their doubts through engaging topics and fun experiments and projects.”

She mentioned they have small class

sizes, meaning all students needs are met and there are different options for the summer program this year; including a five week summer program, a remote program, and a weeklong Acceleration Academy.

Macklin also shared that the DESE indicated the best way to keep the staff and students safe is to continue doing the same safety protocols during the school year.

This means while students and staff are in the building, they’ll be wearing masks. Student desks will continue to be spaced out appropriately and students will have time outside as necessary where they can take off their masks.

For those interested in the summer programs, they can sign up online at <https://www.enrollholyoke.com> or call the enrollment department at 413-534-2000 and listen to the automated prompt for the enrollment extension.

Hughes said that the registration process is all online, those who have difficulties with computers can call enrollment for help.

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with him and encouraged him to show the path and the growths in schools. Figueroa’s phrase, “Anything and everything is possible if you put your heart and mind to it. It may take a while to get there, but it’s totally worth it in the end.”

While Soto understands that Figueroa was speaking of this year’s graduation class, the phrase stayed with him and inspired him to look up data from the schools. A few points of interest include the graduation rate increasing 10 points and raising to 72%, a 13-point increase in hiring teachers of colors raises it to 26%, Pre-K programming has doubled access to 512 seats will nearly 200 of them being full-day seats. There was 10-fold increase in dual language programming for Spanish and English equaling in 10% of HPS students enrolled, in the 2019-20 school year 45% of students were involved in advanced coursework like AP and Dual Language, \$17 million investment in the physical infrastructure of HPS, in 2019 three middle schools met or exceeded their improvement targets on MCAS testing, and next year will be Dean campus’ first year of full enrollment in close to a decade. This comes after 40% of rising freshmen; 160 students chose Dean campus as their school, with only 100 being accepted. Along with accomplishments during the school year, Soto also mentions notable accomplishments in instructional Leadership that should make people proud.

Those four main points con-

sist strengthened practices in curriculum, teaching, and assessment contributed to an improved performance on reviews of school quality by the School Empowerment Network. Every school met the ‘developing’ level in each category with E.N. White and Veritas Prep schools reaching a ‘proficient’ level in assessment.

Another accomplishment is Opportunity Academy leveraging the modified competency determination in order to appeal to and re-engage with 26 students who earned their certification of attainment but need the flexibly of this year to earn their full high school diploma. Soto mentioned a few points for Management and Operations, Family and Community Engagement, and Professional Culture; with 69% of teachers and 73% of staff indicated they’re optimistic the school will improve in the future. A majority of educators have engaged in culturally responsive training while other participated in anti-racism training; a \$10,000 grant was secured to support the school’s equity audit and planning for the next year. As stated in the community letter

“All of these accomplishments were a group effort, and we couldn’t be where we are today without the amazing HPS staff, families, and students that make our district so special,” Soto said. “Thank you for being a part of our HPS family.”

When asked for further information and statistics from the accomplishments of Instructional Leadership, due to the increased number of meetings Soto was unavailable to comment.

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Stephen Zrike.

Zrike led the district from 2015-2020 and was the first receiver in the district after the state took over the schools due to declining graduation rates and test scores. Vazquez Matos was the deputy superintendent of the Hartford Public Schools in Connecticut prior to coming to Holyoke.

He began last July and worked

until his leave of absence in February.

Taxpayers have been complaining on multiple online forums about the lack of explanation from the state level for Vazquez Matos’ departure, but the state has yet to respond to any direct questions from the public or the media.

Soto remains the acting receiver following the end of the school year with no timetable made public for naming a permanent receiver (see related story).

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make pink hydrangeas blue, do as I did and add sulfur to the soil around hydrangeas in the spring.

Another thing I came home to was sad peppers. You don’t have to be a pepper psychologist to make an assessment as to why. First, they were planted during unseasonably warm mid-May weather, only to have temperatures plummet into the high 30s at night. Then, no less than a week later, we have August-like temperatures and a drought. So why are the pepper plants pale and pathetic? Probably all of the above and then some. I will likely give them some fish and seaweed emulsion and hope that they can transition to healthy plants as the temperatures and moisture moderate. Let’s hope they do, anyway!

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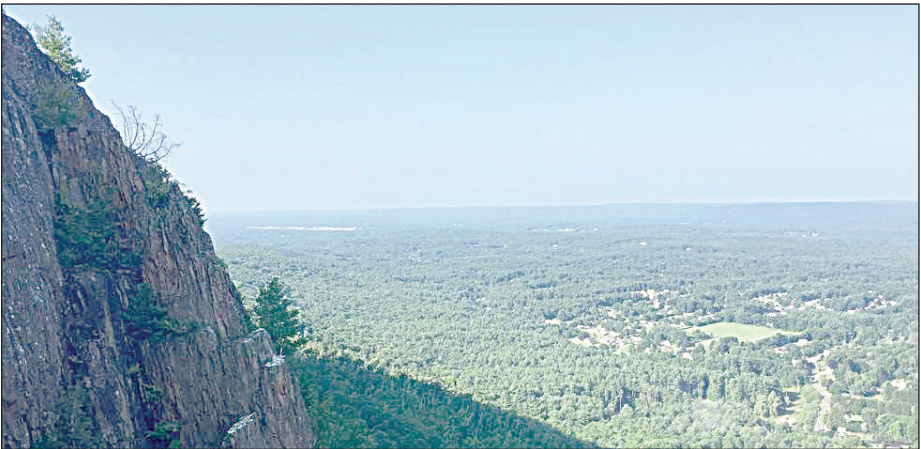
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City launches a Historic Tree Inventory Project

HOLYOKE - Wistariahurst and the Holyoke Department of Conservation and Sustainability have teamed up to conduct an Historic Tree Inventory of Holyoke. Research on this project will be conducted throughout the summer and will culminate in a new map and interpretive tour of the Holyoke landscape. During the summer there will be opportunities for the public to weigh in on favorite trees in Holyoke, whether it be specimens that hold sentimental value, provide the most spectacular seasonal displays, or have an interesting link to the history of the region.

The project is a small part of a larger Urban Forest Equity Plan being produced by the Department of Conservation and Sustainability funded with a Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant. Once finished, the plan will advance the city's on-going goal to mitigate the impacts of climate change, including localized flooding, stormwater pollution, air quality, and urban heat island effect, all of



Wistariahurst and the Holyoke Department of Conservation and Sustainability will be launching a historic tree inventory. It could include trees here at Mt. Tom. Submitted photos

which can be impacted by tree placement and the urban tree canopy.

"The importance of urban trees to climate resilience cannot be overstated," says Yoni Glogower, Director of Conservation and Sustainability for Holyoke. "Among the many benefits of trees are heat reduction, air quality improvement, and stormwater intervention, reduction of energy consumption associated with cooling, urban wildlife habitat, improved aesthetics and carbon sequestration."

The Historic Tree Inventory is an

off-shoot of this effort that will allow deep research in the landscape history of Holyoke and provide multiple ways for the public to engage directly with the efforts. "When my colleague approached me last year about collaborating on this project I immediately understood the potential," says Kate Preissler, Wistariahurst Director. "Sometimes local history is about shifting the perspective to see our community in a new way. With this project we're asking, how do we experience Holyoke differently when we start to look at the trees instead of the buildings? I think people are really going to enjoy being a part of this."

Joining the team for this project is Michaela Wright, whose previous experience includes projects with the New York Botanical Garden, Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, and the American Museum of Natural History. Wright will spend the summer developing an interpretive tree trail that will be launched for the public in the fall.

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not especially appealing.

Even so, the work of strengthening the world order will require a concerted effort that blends both cooperation and firmness. We have to strengthen our alliances of course, as well as shore up and broaden arms control efforts. Countering authoritarianism in all its facets will be an ongoing challenge. And we need constantly to gauge how best to be a benign world power, helping to resolve conflicts and slow to use force—not ruling it out, but relying on it wisely and only when necessary.

Finally, as I suggested at the beginning, our strength on all these fronts will come from making sure that we are strong at home: that our economy is robust, our

finances and debt are manageable, our elections are fair and well run, our infrastructure is revitalized, we invest in the future of our businesses through research and development, and we invest in the future of the American people by focusing attention on education and skills development. If we can do all that, then we will have earned the right to lead the world in navigating the challenges facing the international order.

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Lewis Torres socks a hit away.

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Jomar Colon attempts to make a block.



Jeduar Colon slides to make a hit.

Holyoke scores another sweep of Ware

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE – The third time wasn't the charm for the Ware boys volleyball team.

After losing two road matches to Holyoke in a span of seven days in May, the Indians were looking to celebrate a home win versus the Purple Knights.

It wasn't one of the better performances of the season for the Indians, as the Purple

Knights managed to sweep the regular season series with a 3-0 (24-19, 25-15, 25-18) victory inside the warm Ware High gymnasium last Tuesday afternoon.

"We normally play the same team only twice during the regular season, but it's been a little bit different this year because some of the other schools aren't playing volleyball. We also played Sci-Tech three times," said Holyoke head coach Paula Conway. "I

told my players to just forget about what happened in our other two matches against Ware and only focus on today's match. It was a total team effort, and everyone played very well."

The Purple Knights, who also defeated Southwick, 3-1, in another road match the following afternoon, finished the regular season with a 9-2 overall record. Southwick, who won the first meeting of the regular season, and Sabis are

the only two teams to defeat Holyoke.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all of the boys volleyball teams in Western Massachusetts are eligible for this year's postseason tournament.

"I'm really not sure how we'll do in the postseason tournament this year," Conway said. "I'm also not sure how many teams will be playing in the tournament. It's a lot different than it has been in the past

because of the Corona Virus. We're just happy to be playing volleyball this year."

The Holyoke seniors, who'll be playing in their final postseason tournament, are Nathan Bowie, Edison Escobar, Julian Gutierrez and Lewis Torres.

The Indians, who entered the final week of the regular season with a 6-7 record, will also be playing in the postseason.

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Mutiny pick up another tie



Hope Santaniello picks up a pass and move up the field.



Cat Barry dribbles up the field.

Photos by David Henry

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW – The good news is the New England Mutiny have not suffered a loss in any of their four regular season matches. The bad news is the Mutiny players have only celebrated one victory so far this season. Three of their four matches have ended in 2-2 draws including their June 5 contest against the New Jersey Copa FC which was played before a good size gathering at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

"It doesn't really feel like a tie, it feels more like a loss," said Mutiny head coach Jeb Booth. "We just didn't play as well as we're capable of tonight. We didn't have the same type of energy or the focus. We just

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Blue Sox improve to 6-3 record with win

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox (6-3) of the NECBL took on the Ocean State Waves (2-6) in their eighth game of the season at MacKenzie Stadium on Sunday night. The Blue Sox pulled through for the win by a score of 4-3.

The game began at 5:05 p.m., with the presenting sponsor, Cindy's Drive-In, providing kiddie cups of their ice cream to the first 250 fans through the gates at MacKenzie Stadium for the 'Sundae's on a Sunday!' promotion.

Blue Sox fans enjoyed their ice cream during the beautiful night, where Grant Kipp of Yale University dom-

inated on the mound for the first couple of innings, which went scoreless.

"I'm really happy with this turnout," said Kipp. "From not playing in the Ivy League this season, it was really nice to get back out there and show what I can do." The Ivy League Council of Presidents decided not to hold league competition or host league championships this past spring, which included baseball, so this summer season has been the first time post-pandemic in which Kipp and the other Ivy League players have competed.

In the bottom of the fifth,

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didn't play our style." In order to clinch a berth in the United Women's Soccer playoffs, the Mutiny (1-0-3) will need to finish the regular season in the top four spots of the East Conference standings.

The Mutiny's only victory so far this season was a 6-1 home victory over the CT Rush on May 22.

They're scheduled to play back-to-back road matches this weekend against the other two United Women's Soccer clubs from Massachusetts. The road trip begins with a match-up against the Scorpions SC, who play their home matches at Medway High School, on Friday night. Then they'll be battling the Worcester Smiles at Doyle Field in Leominster the following night.

"We really need to win both of our matches next weekend. I would be disappointed with anything less than that," Booth said. "We have so many ties and we need to start stringing together some victories."

Mutiny forward Hope Santaniello graduated from Agawam High School a couple of hours before the start of last Saturday's home match. Santaniello, who'll be a freshman member of the U.R.I. women's soccer team in the fall, played a key role for the Mutiny during the 2019 season, which ended in the East Conference finals.

The Copa (2-1-1) took a 1-0 lead during the 22nd minute of the first half.

The goal was scored by Kelly Severini, who received a crossing pass from Melanie Cunha before lining a shot into the upper left corner of the net past Mutiny goalie Maddie Murphy.

The Mutiny tied the score at 1-1 six minutes later when forward Lauren Berman was taken down in the box by a Copa player and was awarded a PK by the referee. Berman, who played college soccer at Boston College and is currently an assistant coach for the Harvard women's soccer team, fired a low shot into the back of the net past Copa goalie Isabella Castagnetti.

Berman, who's a first-year Mutiny player, also contributed on the go-ahead goal during the 42nd minute. She sent a crossing pass into the box from the right sideline and center forward Catherine Barry headed it into the left corner of the net past the goalie.

Barry, who recently completed her freshman season as a member of the University of South Carolina women's soccer team, scored her fifth goal in just three games with the Mutiny.

"Cat has been a great addition and we love having her on our team this year," Booth said. "She's a very strong soccer player and plays the game with a lot of confidence. She's our leading goal scorer."

Barry, who's from Hingham, recorded a hat-trick in her first match as a member of the Mutiny versus the Rush. She watched Berman play soccer at B.C. and she's one of her role models.

"I've been looking up to Lauren Berman since she played soccer at Boston College," Barry said. "She's a great player and it has been so much fun getting the opportunity to play with her the past couple of weeks. It's also an honor to represent a club that has a great history like the New England Mutiny."

Berman played professional soccer in Europe which is something that Barry and the other younger Mutiny player are inspiring to do in the future.

A current member of the B.C. women's soccer team on this year's Mutiny roster is Laura Govin, who's from Monson.

Barry, who graduated from Tabor Academy, was a two-time Massachusetts Girls Gatorade Player of the Year. She described her go-ahead goal.

I saw that Lauren was going to cross the ball to me, so I created a little bit of space," said Barry, who was also a starting center forward for the Gamecocks. "Then I just headed it into the net, which gave us a 2-1 lead. It was very exciting, especially doing it in front of the home crowd."

Murphy made a couple of outstanding saves in the second half, which helped the Mutiny hold onto the slim 2-1 lead until the 71st minute. That's when a Copa player was fouled in the box and Cunha blasted the PK into the upper right corner.

The home team did have a chance to retake the lead again, but a shot attempted was cleared away by a Copa defender on the goal-line.

Trystin Burger, who's from Granby, replaced Lily Fabian, who's from Monson, with about five minutes remaining in the match.

The Mutiny are hoping to celebrate a couple of victories before returning to the friendly confines of Lusitano Stadium against the Syracuse DA on June 19.



Lauren Berman of South Hadley gets ready to shoot.

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Laura Govin of Monson makes a pass for the Mutiny.



Lily Fabian tries to settle the ball.

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Kimball, Robie split modified twinbill at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Matt Kimball and Brian Robie split a pair of NHSTRA Modified Quest For The Cup 35-lappers Saturday, June 12, at Monadnock Speedway, but it was the massive round-one wreck that fans will remember.

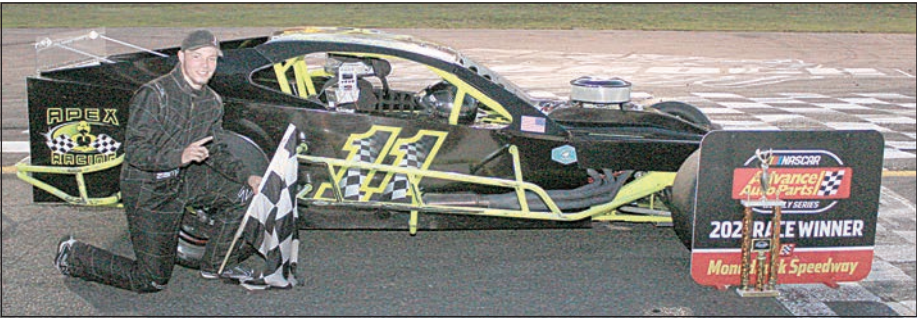
The Mod Squad took the green 25-cars strong. Matt Kimball led early, with defending Series champ Brian Robie then taking charge before pitting out of the lead on lap ten.

With Kimball, Todd Patnode, and Trevor Bleau racing under a blanket on lap 25, all hell broke loose. Patnode, with a nudge, broke loose out of turn two and shot across the track, triggering a 12-car pile-up. When the dust had settled eight cars were done for the night.

Kimball held strong the rest of the way, sailing under the checkers ahead of Tyler Leary and Cory Plummer to win round one. Patnode, able to pit for repairs, rocketed back to fourth, Cam Sontag in fifth while Robie was dead last in 25th. But he wasn't throwing in the towel.

Scott MacMichael, aboard the Cirillo 7, set a fast pace for the first 11 laps of the nightcap, with Kimball – gunning for a twinbill sweep – then taking charge. Robie, though, was on a mission to salvage his night.

Strong-arming his way to the front – he'd lost his power steering on lap 15 – the Sunapee star blasted to the round-two victory. Geoff Rollins and Patnode – both victims of the first-35 big one – completed the top three. Cameron Sontag, quietly



Matt Kimball had a win in the NHSTRA event at Monadnock Speedy last weekend. Submitted photo

staying out of trouble all night, put together two top-fives.

Chase Curtis scored his first Late Model Sportsman feature win Saturday, coming from row four to take the lead on lap 19 and then hold off his dad, Chris Curtis, to top the night's 25-lapper.

Cole Littlewood led the first seven go-rounds, then giving way to Austin Brehio, who stayed on the point until Curtis took charge. Brehio's bronze finish enabled him to pull even with Cam Curtis atop the LMS points parade.

What a show the Street Stockers put on. Bumps, shoves, rubs and wobbles lap after lap, but never a caution.

Kenny Thompson led the first 17 circuits, with Tim Wenzel then taking over and bringing brother Nate with him. Holding the point the last eight laps, Wenzel was strong in scoring his first win of the season. Brother Nate and three-time 2021 winner Chris Buffone joined him in trophy row.

Fitzwilliam Flyer Gordon Farnum stormed to victory in the Mini Stock 25-lapper.

Taking the lead from Kevin Cormier on lap 19, Farnum padded his points lead with his fourth win of the summer. Cormier was strong in second, and Jeff Asselin came home third.

Fast Eddie Petruskevicious made easy work of winning the Young Guns feature for the second week in a row. Heat race winner Teagan Edson was the runner-up again, with Eddie Gomarlo strong in third.

Connor Souza appeared to have won the Exit One Realty Pro Truck Series 55-lapper, but series officials ruled that he'd jumped a late-race restart, awarding Saturday's victory to Lucas Leone. Girard Giordano was second, and Randy Burr third.

Monadnock Speedway returns to action next Saturday, June 19, with the Teddy Bear Pools Street Stock 50-lapper

lost to rain a few weeks back leading a full card of NHSTRA racing.

Monadnock Speedway

June 12 Top Tens:

QUEST FOR THE CUP MOD 35-1: Matt Kimball (Bennington, NH), Tyler Leary, Cory Plummer, Todd Patnode, Cameron Sontag, George Helliwell, Kimmy Rivet, Andrew Martell, Scott MacMichael, Dave Salzarulo

QUEST FOR THE CUP MOD 35-2: Brian Robie (Sunapee, NH), Geoff Rollins, Todd Patnode, Matt Kimball, Cameron Sontag, Kimmy Rivet, Kirk Alexander, Mike Smith, Cory Plummer, George Helliwell.

LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN: Chase Curtis (Rutland, MA) Chris Curtis, Austin Brehio, Cole Littlewood, Justin Littlewood, Cam Curtis, Dan Comeau, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Jaret Curtis, Robert Hagar

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YOUNG GUN: Eddie Petruskevicious, Teagan Edson, Eddie Gomarlo, Leilei Daniels, Dominick Stafford.

Falmouth Road Race to resume

FALMOUTH – Falmouth Road Race, Inc., organizers of the 49th Annual ASICS Falmouth Road Race, one of America's premier running events of the summer season, today announced that it will host a field of 8,000 in-person runners for its upcoming event on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Those who registered during the initial registration window and selected, "If given the chance, I would like to run in Falmouth" will be guaranteed a place within the limited in-person field. Runners who have not yet registered but are looking to secure a guaranteed in-person spot in this year's event can do so by registering to run on behalf of a charity. A comprehensive list of 164 charitable organizations is available by visiting www.falmouthroadrace.com/charity-program. For more information on general registration, please visit www.falmouthroadrace.com.

"On the heels of Governor Charlie Baker's announcement lifting all coronavirus restrictions in Massachusetts effective May 29, and after close consultation with the Town of Falmouth, public safety officials, our medical team, and our partners, we are excited to announce a

field of 8,000 in-person runners for the 49th ASICS Falmouth Road Race," said Scott Ghelfi, president of the Falmouth Road Race, Inc. Board of Directors. "We are excited to welcome athletes back to Falmouth for this summer tradition and we look forward to welcoming a full field for our 50th running next August."

Aside from the newly announced in-person portion, the 49th ASICS Falmouth Road Race will still feature a virtual SBLI Kids At-Home Challenge and the race's At-Home Edition, where participants will lace up their running shoes and go seven miles in their own neighborhoods between Aug. 7 to 14.

For nearly 50 years, Falmouth Road Race, Inc. has promoted health, wellness and pride in the community. In these unprecedented and uncertain times, the organization is striving to be consistent in its mission, continuing to provide its dedicated athletes, enthusiasts, and the community with an event to be proud of and one that supports people in need.

For more information, or to register, visit www.falmouthroadrace.com. Follow us on Facebook or at @falmouthroadrace on Instagram.

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Garrett Shultz of Xavier University had two RBI's, bringing Luke Franzoni (Xavier) and Mason LaPlante (Yale) home to raise the score to 2-0.

The Waves responded quickly with two runs of their own off of an Albert Choi (New Jersey Institute of Technology) hit that went past the fences at MacKenzie Stadium to tie the game at 2-2.

The Waves pulled ahead in the top of the seventh, scoring a run to bring the game to 3-2.

Valley's offensive push began with a Cole Andrews (Miami) at-bat, the Blue Sox' catcher who, on Friday, hit a walk off home run to win the game against the Martha's Vineyard Sharks from behind by a score of 5-4. On Sunday, Andrews sent one high into

center field, and got lucky, staying on first base when a Waves outfielder had trouble fielding the ball. LaPlante then made it to first, which advanced Andrews to second. Then, Shultz sent a highball way out near the fence, which gave Andrews and LaPlante just enough time to run home, making the score 4-3, and tallying Shultz' RBI total at 3.

The rest of the game went scoreless, with the Blue Sox successfully holding onto their lead in the highest attendance game of the 2021 season so far for the Blue Sox.

Whether it was the free ice cream, or the great play, the result of this game made Head Coach Hez Randolph think that he "is doing something right."

"Winning a close one like this makes me feel good, as nervous as I get, because this is my first year doing this. It's a good feeling." He continued.

Ugalde named new WMA girls ice hockey head coach

WILBRAHAM – Following a national search, Wilbraham & Monson Academy has named former prep and collegiate standout Sara Ugalde as Head Coach of its inaugural Girls' Ice Hockey team. Ugalde will take the helm of the program beginning July 1.

"We are extremely excited to have Sara Ugalde joining WMA to launch our girls hockey program," Head of School Brian P. Easler said. "We feel incredibly fortunate to have found Sara. With her depth of playing and coaching experience in youth leagues, prep school hockey, collegiate and professional hockey, combined with her passion to build this program and grow the sport for girls, we look forward to Sara's impact as the Founding Head Coach of this new program for female WMA scholar-athletes."

A Hockey MVP as a player at Westminster School, Ugalde helped lead Middlebury College to NESCAC

Championships in 2011 and 2012. Her experience with collegiate hockey coaching includes Assistant Women's Ice Hockey Coach at Trinity College, Williams College and Colby College. She was Director and Coach of the CT Junior Rangers and Assistant Coach for the NWHL Connecticut Whale, and has helped run multiple hockey camps throughout the country.

"I am extremely excited to join the Wilbraham & Monson Academy community," Ugalde said. "I am thankful and honored for the opportunity to build the Girls Hockey Program. Throughout the entire interview process I was moved by the unified vision and support displayed by members of WMA. After years working at the collegiate level, I am delighted to rejoin the prep school sphere. I am looking forward to finding players that add to the already established excellence at WMA and helping them reach their athletic aspirations."

VOLLEYBALL, from page 7

son tournament.

"My players missed an entire season and they're glad to be back playing again this year," said Ware head coach Steve Jarvis. "We just didn't play very well in today's match."

The seniors listed on the Indians roster are Vinny Chiaravalle, Jack Tweedie, and Myles McGrail.

"The seniors are our leaders, and I can't say enough good things about them. They work hard," Jarvis said. "Jack and Myles have been playing for this team since they were in the seventh grade. Vinny joined the team in the eighth grade."

The opening set of last Tuesday's match was very close.

The Purple Knights held a slim lead until an ace by Ware junior Douglas Mulligan tied the score for the second time at 15-15. The score was tied a

couple of more times before the Purple Knights closed out the game with an 6-0 run.

"Runs are extremely important in volleyball," Conway said. "The run we had at the end of the first set gave us some momentum."

Junior Jairam Rodriguez handled the serving duties for the visiting team during that span. Freshman Jeduar Colon had a block and a kill.

The score of the second set was tied 7-7 before Holyoke took control with a 4-0 spurt with Jeduar Colon doing the serving.

A pair of aces by Gutierrez gave the Purple Knights a 19-12 advantage. After Ware won the next two points, Holyoke sealed the second set with a 6-1 run.

The Purple Knights held a 21-9 lead in the third set before the Indians closed the gap with a 9-3 run.

The home team sliced the deficit to 24-18 before the visitors won the final point of the match.

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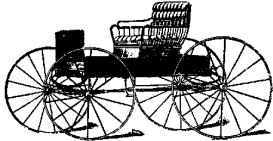
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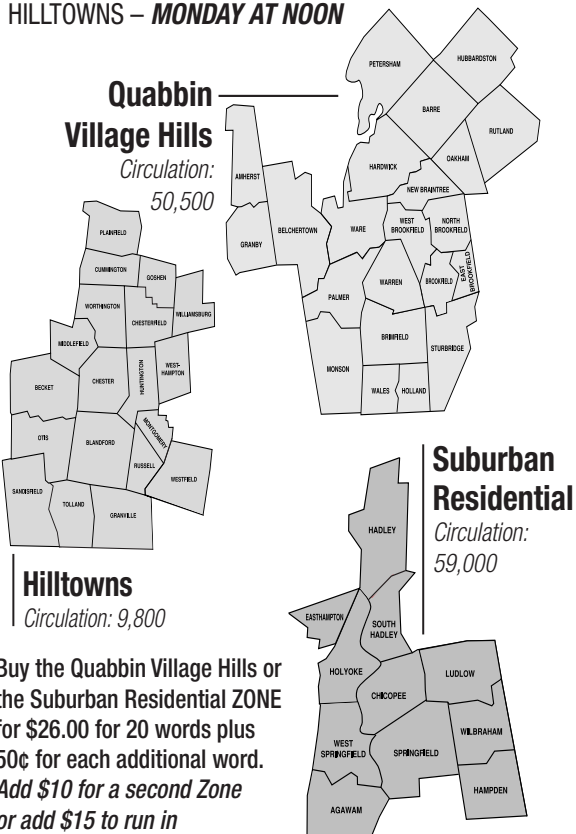
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